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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS

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1. LETTER DATED DEC 11 (RECEIVED DEC 13) FROM SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION INFORMED US UNEXPECTED DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SWAZILAND APPROVAL OF SA RICE CONCESSION HAS FINALLY BEEN OVERCOME AND SA NOW PREPARED FINALIZE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATION. TWENTY-SEVEN-PAGE DOCUMENT SPECIFYING EXISTING SA CONCESSIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN OR MODIFIED AND NEW CONCESSIONS OFFERED TO US IN COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS ATTACHED TO LETTER FOR VERIFICATION BY US AUTHORITIES. LETTER AND ENCLOSURE POUCHED STR/MCNAMEARA DEC 13.

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2. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, WE ASSUME WAS AGENCIES WILL UNDERTAKE RATHER COMPLICATED JOB OF CHECKING

ACCURACY OF SA VERSION OF WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED IN COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS IN WASH, PRETORIA AND GENEVA DURING PAST THREE YEARS.

3. SA LETTER IS SILENT ON ISSUE OF ILLEGAL QRS INCLUDING QRS APPLICABLE TO NEW CONCESSIONS. MISSION CONSIDERS AS MINIMUM WE SHOULD PRESENT SA WITH DRAFT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS GUARANTEEING FREE ISSUE OF SA IMPORT LICENSES ON NEW CONCESSION ITEMS WHEN NEW RATES PUT INTO EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THESE ITEMS ARE OFFICIALLY PLACED ON FREE LIST. SA NEGOTIATOR OFFERED DO THIS LAST JULY (PARA 1E REFTEL A). WE DOUBT SA WILL AGREE TO FIRM COMMITMENT COVERING ALL QRS. IN ADDITION TO SA REASONS FOR THIS ATTITUDE AS REPORTED PARA 2 REFTEL A, SA CONSIDERS IT HAS ALREADY MADE SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS TO US IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. SMIT POINTED OUT TO US IN JULY THAT US IS ONLY CP THUS FAR WHICH HAS MANAGED TO OBTAIN SA REDUCTIONS FROM PRESENT TARIFF LEVELS ON NEW CONCESSION ITEMS. BASSIN

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